

# *Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## *July REMINDER*

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*So let us not grow tired in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of faith. Gal. 6:9*

The summer nears its half-way point and still there is much to be done. Personally, I love the "dog" days of summer. It's a chance to relax, and give thanks for all that is around us. Yet, we are still in the midst of the time after Pentecost, God's spirit is still here and present. In our anticipation of the busy days of school and harvest we must continue to struggle with the calling of God's Holy-Spirit to go out into the world. We are all of us, also in the midst of transition as we go from taking it easy, to looking at the work ahead. It is easy to get lost in the lazy blue skies, and gentle breeze. It is good to give thanks for these days.

Still, we are continually called to wrestle with God's calling even in the summer to spread the Gospel in all we do. We are alive brothers and sisters. We live and breathe all that the good news of new life in Christ has to offer the world. We are called to continually remember our death and new life in baptism and to share that saving word with the world.

There are as of yet many projects for the family in Svea to be busy with, Family Promise, the Mid-Summer Murder Mystery, God's Work our Hands Sunday, just a few projects to name a few. Enjoy the sun beloved children, together we will enjoy the work God has laid out for us.

Peace be with you now and always,

Pastor Erik

COUNT YOUR  
**BLESSINGS.**  
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.  
COUNT YOUR  
**MANY BLESSINGS**  
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

## JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Dave Garberich & Pete Swenson  
VISUAL ARTS: Holli Hopp & Louise Swenson

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
July 2	Gene Gatewood	Louise Swenson	Tim & Mindy Swieringa
July 9	Jessie Gatewood	Sherman Schueler	Dale & Deb Tonsfeldt
July 16	Camy Erickson	Holli Hopp	Dave & Patti Chambers
July 23	Marny Behrends	Doug Johnson	Bob & Linda Roelofs
July 30	Jordan Gatewood	Anne Christianson	Gary & Shannon Christopher

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	TELLERS
July 2	Jake Vlaminck	Jon Burks	Matt Erickson	1
July 9		Brian Gorans		2
July 16	Scott Johnson	Erin Johnson	Lois Nelson	3
July 23		Kim Gorans		4
July 30	Brian Gorans	Jon Burks	Laura Christianson	5



Dear Svea Church

*Thank you for the gift of money for my graduation. I will be using it towards Ridgewater College this fall. Also, thank you for all the support you have shown me over the years. It is very much appreciated.*

Thanks again,  
Taylar Sowers



Please check out the bulletin board in the Narthex for Community Summer events.



Although, we didn't get to host for Family Promise last week, we would still like to thank everyone who signed-up.



## Quilt Auction

Saturday  
July 22



**AUCTION BEGINS AT 11:30 AM**  
*Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer*  
 9916 Lake Ave. S  
 Spicer, MN

LIVE Music & Supper  
 Friday, 5:00-7:00 PM

**SMOKED PORK LUNCH**  
**SATURDAY, 10:45 AM-1:00 PM**

Quilt Review \$3.00  
 Friday, July 21, 5:00-8:00 PM  
 Saturday, July 22, 9:00-10:30 AM  
 Live online bidding at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org)  
[www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) 320.796.2181 [camp@gllm.org](mailto:camp@gllm.org)

## Svea Lutheran Church: Council Agenda-June 22, 2017

**Present**, John Burks, Courtney Carlson, Matt Erickson, Kathy Lindblad, Doug Johnson  
Jessie Gatewood, Pastor Eric, Tracy Gorans  
**Absent-**, Laura Christenson, Lois Nelson Tammy Garberich

### Opening 7:00 pm

1. **Devotions** – Pastor Erik
2. **Council meeting minutes – May –approved by email**
3. **Pastor’s Report- Pastor’s Report for April, 2017 to be printed in reminder.**
4. **Financial Report-  
Committee Reports**
5. *Stewardship, Finance, and Estate-*. Present; Pastor Erik R, Karen S, Peter S, Doug H, **Business 1.** Reviewed the financial statement of the general Fund Dated 5-31-2017 YTD balance of –(\$8,365.93) negative. \$3,134.49 greater deficit that at the end of April 2017. As of 6-1-2017 \$5,675.00 borrowed from the Building Fund. These monies replenished with an advancement on our line of credit at Concord bank-\$0 owed to building fund again. \$9,247.00 given to General fund in May 2017. Total intake was \$13,694.00-including money from LOC. Total paid out of checkbook was \$15,670.00. **2. Stewardship project**—“*Ketchup Sunday*” July 9<sup>th</sup> in park. Serve hot dogs with the intent of taking a second offering-hoping to receive large donations to assist in catching-up in our General Fund! Thrivent Project to assist with funding. **Council Action Requested Motion made/2<sup>nd</sup> and passed** **3.** Next meeting Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 pm. closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Respectfully submitted Doug Johnson Secretary.

- a. *Parish Education-* NO MEETING
  - i. *Adult Ed-* NO MEETING
- b. *Property-* NO MEETING
- c. *LMM-* Golf July 21st
- d. *Worship and Music-* Notes for Worship and Music Mtg. June 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30. ---We will be starting a new liturgy June 18<sup>th</sup> for Praise Sundays entitled “Now the Feast and Celebration: to be used until Advent.---Saturday Evening “Home Church” services will continue at Pete & Kari Stadem’s through June.---VBS will need someone to run slides and sound for the evening worship times-- The speakers in the back are now working.---- There will be an outdoor worship service on August 27<sup>th</sup> with softball and potluck following the service.---Worship at Kandi Park 1 this summer will be august 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 Regular 9:30 service at church.---September 10 we are planning a joint worship service in Blomkest at the Community Center with Blomkest Baptist and Roseland Reformed churches.---Pastor Erik will be searching for a new organ based liturgy for Advent and Epiphany.

#### *I. Visual Arts-* .

- ii *A/V committee-* NO MEETING.

- e. *Global Missions, Evangelism, Social Ministry, and Scholarship-*

### **Mission Committee Minutes**

June 8, 2017 7PM

We are making supper for VBS on Monday June 19, 2017 Menu is as follows: Green Rice Krispie Bars, Green Jell-O, Hot Dogs and buns, Pickles, Chocolate Milk and White Milk. We are asking Kathy Lindbald, Karen Schueler and Holli Hopp for Bars and Tammy Garberich for Green Jell-O. Karen will get the groceries and we will split the cost.

We are giving \$300.00 for food packing for Somalians at the Willmar middle school and Karen will bring the check on Friday June 9, 2017.

\$150.00 for the Youth going to Florida to spend on gifts for children only.

(Church Council Cont.)

Discussed having a time to worship with Blomkest and Roseland and working on some projects for Rally day September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Respectfully submitted. Holly

*f* Library-. No report

*g* Memorial-

*h* Youth board-

### **1 Continuing business**

a. Youth leaving Saturday on their mission trip June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>.

b. Candles-Doug will talk to Jordan.

c. Child Protection Policy- things to do in July.

### **2 New Business**

- a. High School VBS “Walking Dead: Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug 2 (Wed) Time 10:00 – midnight. Finished 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Sr High- can invite friends. Need Chaperones (2 or 3) outdoors if weather ok.
- b. Invite to everyone: Brats & Beverages with the Bishop Jon. Vision for our Synod funding starts 5:30, 7:00 program ends at 8:30 on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday August 1. RSVP. Montevideo at Talking Waters Brewery.
- c. We talked about Synod Campaign for ELCA. We will talk about this more later.
- d. Bus for church functions. Some discussion- will check on Cost etc. more info later.

### **3 Communion Assistants**

July 2 Matt Erickson

July 16 Lois Nelson

July 30 Laura Christianson

4 **Thank You cards** – five were written

5 **Next meeting date:** July 20 2017 at 7:00

6 **Closing prayer** The Lords Prayer

7 **Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup> and adjourned**

Submitted by Kathy Lindblad and Lois Nelson

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### **Pastor’s Report for June 2017**

Thank You to Jan Thompson-Key and Ed Key for attending the synod assembly.

- The budget was passed as well as a resolution concerning the number of votes allowed for the retired clergy caucus. More details available on the synod website.

Thank You for those who participated and helped with the leadership and preparation for Pentecost Sunday and Community Potluck.

Thank You to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School

- There were between 19-22 participants every night. We covered the subject of God’s love for us and the alien, or stranger
- VBS will be hosted at Blomkest Baptist next year

God’s Work our Hands Sunday/ Day of Service is tentatively planned for September 10 at the Blomkest Community Center.

- We are working to plan activities with Roseland Reformed and Blomkest Baptist Churches to hold a joint worship service and missional project.

Summer Murder Mystery is in production.

- Funds to be raised for new carpet, with a percentage and special interest played to help prevent violence towards Women, Children, and Victims of Human Trafficking.
- Thank You to everyone involved in that project.
- Production dates 21,22,23,

There were no ministerial acts this month. Pastor’s Dates: July 13-15 vacation



# “Ketchup” Sunday



*Sunday, July 9*

*10:45 am*

*Svea Park*

Menu

Grilled hotdogs & buns

Beans, Potato chips

Condiments-“ketchup”

Beverage

Free will  
Offering

Thrivent to  
Assist with  
Funding

**SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Presents a Western Murder Mystery Gala**

**July 21st and 22nd at 7:00 pm July 23rd at 12:00 noon**

**\$20.00 DONATION INCLUDES A WESTERN MEAL**

**And a Night in a Western Saloon**

**FOR TICKETS CALL**

**320 995 6247**

**PROCEEDS TO GO FOR NEW CARPETING IN THE CHURCH**

**AND 10% WILL GO TO LSS TO HELP PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICING**

**IT WILL BE A GREAT TIME OUT FOR ALL ADULTS**

**THE ENTERTAINMENT IS RATED PG-13**

# 23rd Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

Best Ball  
Tournament

## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Friday, July 21, 2017  
Redwood Falls Golf Club,  
Redwood Falls, MN

- > Registration: 2:30 pm
- > Shotgun Start: 3:00 pm
- > Price: \$65.00 per golfer  
Includes GOLF CART,  
green fees, meal, prizes  
and a donation to LMM

Registration Deadline: Monday, July 17

Register online at [www.swmmlc.a.org/event/golf](http://www.swmmlc.a.org/event/golf)

Help Grow Leaders in Rural Ministry

and for Leaders Endowment

During 2016-17, the synod's Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) provided \$9,345.95 for seminary tuition scholarships. Funding 2016-17 is available for 2017-18. Recipients will have an openness and commitment to future service in rural settings.

The profit from the LMM golf tournament goes into the LMM's Fund for Leaders Endowment to help grow leaders. Fund for Leaders Endowment which generates investment income for the scholarships. Since its inception, this endowment has awarded scholarships of \$96,500 for seminary tuition.

Donations to the LMM Scholarship Endowment Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the Golf Tournament.

# Appreciation BLOMKEST Day JULY 8, 2017

Schedule of Events:

- 1:00 Simenson Rodeo
- 3:45 Parade Line Up
- 4:30 Appreciation Day Parade
- 5:30 Firemen's Supper in the Park
- 6:00 Kid's water games in the park
- Magic Guy - Card Tricks and Magic Tricks
- Beer Garden
- 6:30 Registration for Bean Bag Tournament
- 7:00 Bean Bag Tournament
- 8:00 Kid's Movie (inside Comm Ctr)

Parade

Kids Games

Bean Bag Tournament

Kid's Movie @ 8



4S Ranch Rodeo

Simenson Arena  
South Highway 71  
Blomkest, MN  
Saturday, July 8, 2017 1 p.m.  
Admission: Free Will Donation

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bean Bag Tournament

6:30 Registration  
7:00 Round 1  
\$20 per team

Fire Department membership is not required  
All players welcome.

**FIREMEN'S RELIEF  
ASSOCIATION  
FUND RAISER DINNER**

PULLED PORK SANDWICHES  
HOT DOGS \* POTATO CHIPS  
POTATO SALAD \* LEMONAID

**FREE WILL DONATION**

SUGGESTED DONATIONS  
\$8 ADULTS  
\$5 KIDS (UNDER 12)

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE DINNER GO TO  
THE BLOMKEST FIRE FIGHTER RELIEF ASSOCIATION







**Lutheran  
Social Service  
of Minnesota**

*It starts innocently at first. An adult predator preys on a troubled teen by offering her gifts and special attention and says he will take care of her. He pretends to offer a caring relationship but soon tricks her into selling herself for sex and maintaining her loyalty with threats and physical intimidation.*

*These are the youth that Lutheran Social Service is seeking to reach through pioneering new efforts in Minnesota to decriminalize sex trafficking by youth, and instead, help them escape from their perpetrators and rebuild their lives.*

*At a public launch on January 29, Lutheran Social Service joined with other community leaders in Brainerd to launch the Central Minnesota Regional Navigator, part of a statewide initiative called Safe Harbor to connect youth to support they need to escape the sex trade and provide multi-sector education in the community to help others identify and refer them. Lutheran Social Service also announced a new and specialized foster care program called Saving Grace that will provide safe housing and support for sex-trafficked youth, some of whom have traded sex at an average age of 13, according to the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task force.*

*In Minnesota, a Safe Harbor law was passed in 2011 that provided a legislative framework for legal protections and state services for sex-trafficked youth. In 2014, the Minnesota Legislature approved funding for Safe Harbor to expand housing, supportive services and community education to help identify and refer youth through schools, social service providers, law enforcement, health care providers and other community organizations.*

*In December, the Minnesota Department of Human Services announced that it awarded \$3.3 million to seven organizations, including Lutheran Social Service, The Link, Harriet Tubman, Streetworks Youth Collaborative, Life House, 180 Degrees, and Heartland Girls Ranch. The grants will increase safe housing options and fund health and support services.*

*The Safe Harbor law is a collaborative effort between the Minnesota Department of Health that funds a statewide director and eight regional navigators; the Minnesota Department of Public Safety that created a comprehensive, statewide approach called No Wrong Door that focuses on prevention, best practices and support for survivors; and the Minnesota Department of Human Services working with community organizations to implement new service models to support sex-trafficking survivors.*

**Svea Lutheran Church will be donating a portion of monies raised in this summer production of “Dead in Deadwood.” To assist with the services and ministries that Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota offers in support of victims of human trafficking and prostitution.**

*Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota began in 1865 when a Lutheran pastor and his congregation opened an orphanage for children near Red Wing in southeastern Minnesota. Today, with 2,300 employees and 8,000 volunteers, Lutheran Social Service helps one in 65 Minnesotans through services that inspire hope, change lives and build community. Statewide, the organization seeks to foster safe and supportive homes for children, restore health and wellness in families, empower people with disabilities to live the lives they imagine, and promote health, independence and quality of life for older adults. For comprehensive information about the work of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, visit [www.lssmn.org](http://www.lssmn.org)*

SW MN SYNOD

## EQUIPPING MEN FOR MINISTRY

TWO LOCATIONS & DATES, SAME WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY, AUG. 12, 2017**

Grace, Westbrook

9:30am - 12:30pm

**SATURDAY, AUG. 19, 2017**

Paynesville, Paynesville

9:30am - 12:30pm

**PRESENTER: ROLAND D. MARTINSON**

*Professor Emeritus of Children Youth and Family Ministry, Luter Seminary*

### WHY

Most men's interests and lifestyles do not connect with the language, content and practices of the church and its ministry. Therefore, men are highly unlikely to be present in worship or receive the church's message or participate in the church's ministry.

### WHAT

This workshop begins where men are in their daily lives; it starts with men's stories and what men are doing. It equips for ministry initiated by the "accompanying relationships" of as few as two men; it grows ministry along an arc of discovery and action involving individuals and groups of men in expanding ministry practices; it joins women and children in a vision for the ministry of the whole church. This workshop equips men for ministry from the "ground up" in three deliberate "movements."

### WHO

This workshop is for a congregation's pastor and two or more men who will work together to begin meeting with the men of the congregation one-on-one to hear their life stories, and, work to respond to the questions, needs and ideas emerging from these one-on-one conversations. The workshop will equip a "connector" man (and eventually other men) to:

- Listen— Hearing men talk about their lives – listening for what matters to these men
- Connect – Accompanying men; connecting men to speak and listen to each other
- Discover – Identifying these men's questions, needs, interests, strengths and gifts
- Engage – Inviting men into participation with each other and the church around that which matters the most to them...most often in "affinity groups"

This workshop will equip an "activator" man who might well initiate activities that build on the first movement's relationships and discoveries. This "activator" will help develop ministry practices attuned to the interests, character and lifestyles of men. This activator might well possess particular interests, skills and capacity to organize.

The workshop will equip a congregation's pastor to "accompany and support" these "connector" and "activator" men to carry out their "catalytic mission" through the pastor's mutual conversation, communication and prayer.

### WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Register online at [www.swmnelca.org/event/lmmworkshop](http://www.swmnelca.org/event/lmmworkshop) – *Please register in advance.*



This workshop is **FREE!** – Coffee and lunch will be provided.



Southwestern Minnesota Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

LUTHERAN  
MEN IN  
MISSION

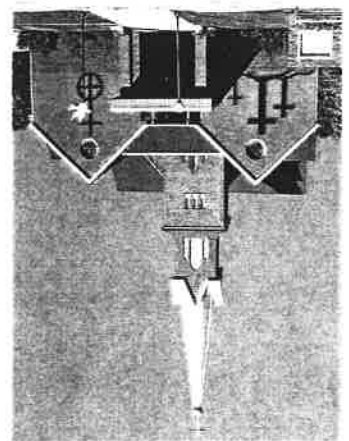
# JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 30</b> 9:30 am Praise 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship <b>HS-VBS</b> <b>(July 30-Aug 2)</b>	<b>July 31</b>					<b>1</b>  Blomkest Appreciation Days 4:30 pm parade
<b>2</b> 9:30 am Praise/ Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>WELCA National</b> <b>Gathering (13-16)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30 am WOV Service 10:45 am "Ketchup" Sunday In Park-serving grilled hotdogs	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study 2:00 pm Peace Circle at Louise Swenson s/potluck	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>WELCA National</b> <b>Gathering (13-16)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 am Praise /Communion 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 am LMM/ <b>Breakfast/Bible</b> Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00 pm SFE Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 am LBW 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship <b>12:00 pm Mystery</b> <b>Dinner Play "Dead</b> <b>in Deadwood"</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 am LMM/Prayer <b>Reminder articles</b> <b>due</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Reminder</b> <b>published</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 pm Mystery</b> <b>Dinner Play "Dead</b> <b>in Deadwood"</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>"I Love Coffee with</b> <b>Rachel" at</b> Parsonage

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1. Katie DeGraw
1. Lola Elizabeth Larson
2. Betty Gorans
3. Jeremy Anderson
6. Mark Stuhr
7. LeRoy Larson
8. Mitchell Swierenga
11. Erin Johnson
- Mara Hallberg
12. Roland C. Swenson
13. Amber Holland
16. Samuel Bowen
17. Lorene Freed
- Gary Nelson
18. Mark Freed
19. Jennifer Johnson
- Rebecca Johnson
- Doris Olson

20. Eric Swenson
20. Matthew Johnson
21. Evelyn Fregler
22. Matthew Lindblad
23. Jason Kowalczyk
24. Olof Larson
25. Lacy Elliott
26. Nadine Landin
- Dean Lindblad
27. Elsie Feifarck
- Arlyne Turnquist
28. Hannah Christopher
- Levi Swanson
29. Terrance Swenson
- Patti Schueler
- Courtney Jacobson
30. Marci Dahl



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